

## PATENT APPLICATION DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

I HEREBY DECLARE THAT:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below.

I believe I am the original, first, and sole inventor (if only one name is listed) or an original, first, and joint inventor (if plural names are listed) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: MICRO-ENVIRONMENT REACTOR FOR PROCESSING A WORKPIECE

the specification of which:

[ ] is attached hereto;

[X] was filed on March 13, 1998 as Application Serial No. 09/041,901 and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to herein.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information to the Patent and Trademark Office known to me to be material to patentability of this application, as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Sec. 1.56.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

I hereby appoint the following as my attorneys or agents with full power of substitution to prosecute this application and transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

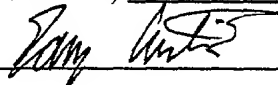
Harry M. Cross, Jr.	Reg. No. 22,229	Kathleen A. Lyons	Reg. No. 31,852	Robert B. Polit	Reg. No. 33,993
Randall T. Erickson	Reg. No. 33,872	John P. Milnamow	Reg. No. 20,635	Keith V. Rockey	Reg. No. 24,713
Nancy R. Gamburd	Reg. No. 38,147	Thomas E. Northrup	Reg. No. 33,268	Thomas I. Ross	Reg. No. 29,275
Stephen D. Geimer	Reg. No. 28,846	Lisa V. Mueller	Reg. No. 38,978	Joel E. Siegel	Reg. No. 25,440
Allen J. Hoover	Reg. No. 24,103	Paul M. Odell	Reg. No. 28,332	Paul M. Vargo	Reg. No. 29,116
Martin L. Katz	Reg. No. 25,011				

whose mailing address for this application is:

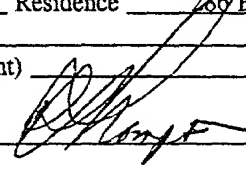
ROCKEY, MILNAMOW & KATZ, LTD.  
Two Prudential Plaza - Suite 4700  
180 North Stetson Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois 60601  
Telephone: (312) 616-5400

Full name of SOLE or FIRST inventor Gary L. CurtisCitizenship USA Residence 655 Hoffman Draw, Kila, MT 59920

Post Office Address (If different) \_\_\_\_\_

Inventor's signature: Date: MAY 13, 1998Full name of SECOND joint inventor, if any Raymon F. ThompsonCitizenship USA Residence 286 Buffalo Hill Drive, Kalispell, MT 59901

Post Office Address (If different) \_\_\_\_\_

Second Inventor's signature: Date: MAY 13, 1998

T02080" 04872660

# Assignment

Serial No. 09/041,901


Filed March 13, 1998

**In Consideration** of One Dollar and other good and valuable considerations, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the entire right, title and interest in the invention or improvements of the undersigned in MICRO-ENVIRONMENT REACTOR FOR PROCESSING A WORKPIECE and in the application for Letters Patent of the United States therefor, executed by the undersigned concurrently herewith, and in any reissue or extension of any Letters Patent that may be granted upon said application are hereby assigned by the undersigned to Semitool, Inc. and the heirs, successors, legal representatives and assigns of Semitool, Inc. (hereinafter collectively called said Assignee), and the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is hereby authorized and requested by the undersigned to issue said Letters Patent to said Assignee.

**For said considerations** it is hereby agreed by the undersigned, upon the request of said Assignee, to execute any necessary and proper oaths or affidavits relating to said application or required for the filing or prosecution of any divisional or continuing application thereof or for the filing or prosecution of any application for the reissue or extension of any Letters Patent that may be granted on said invention or improvements that said Assignee may deem necessary or expedient, and for the said considerations it is further agreed by the undersigned, upon the request of said Assignee, in the event of said application or any division thereof, or Letters Patent issued thereon, or any reissue or application for the reissue thereof, becoming involved in Interference, to cooperate to the best of the ability of the undersigned with said Assignee in the matters of preparing and executing the preliminary statement and giving and producing evidence in support thereof, and further to perform, upon such request, any and all affirmative acts to obtain said Letters Patent and vest all rights therein hereby conveyed in the said Assignee as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by the undersigned if this assignment and sale had not been made. And for the said considerations the entire right, title and interest in said invention or improvements, including all priority rights, and the right to claim priority rights and the privileges and benefits thereof, including those under the International Convention, and all other Conventions, and the right to file applications for patent in said Assignee's own name for said invention or improvements in each and every country of the world are hereby assigned and granted by the undersigned to said Assignee. It is further agreed by the undersigned, upon the request of said Assignee, to execute any and all documents that shall be required of the undersigned to be executed in connection with any and all applications for foreign Letters Patent therefor, including the prosecution thereof, and to execute any and all documents necessary to invest title in said foreign applications and patents in said Assignee. The undersigned also further agrees, for the said considerations, upon the request of said Assignee, to promptly perform all lawful acts deemed by said Assignee to be necessary or advisable in connection with maintaining, enforcing, or transferring the resulting grants of said Letters Patent in the United States or

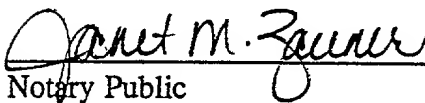
09/041,901-0004

foreign countries. It is agreed that such lawful acts include, but are not limited to, taking oaths, executing declarations, powers, assignments and other papers and giving testimony. The attorneys of record in such application for patent are hereby authorized and requested by the undersigned to insert in this Assignment the date and serial number thereof in the places provided therefor.

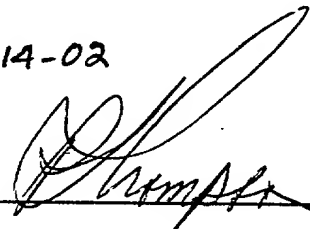
  
\_\_\_\_\_(Seal)

State of Montana )  
County of Flathead ) ss.

On May 13, 1998, Gary L. Curtis appeared before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and County aforesaid, and acknowledged that he freely and voluntarily subscribed and executed the foregoing Assignment for the purposes and uses therein expressed.

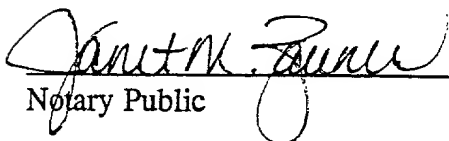
  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 1-14-02

  
\_\_\_\_\_(Seal)

State of Montana )  
County of Flathead ) ss.

On May 15, 1998, Raymon F. Thompson appeared before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and County aforesaid, and acknowledged that he freely and voluntarily subscribed and executed the foregoing Assignment for the purposes and uses therein expressed.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 1-14-02

102000-04872550